PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST Form 3 November 05, 2008 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

Per	Name and Ac son <u>*</u> Thakore N		porting	 Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST [ppt]				
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/03/2008	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
PU	JTNAM							Thed(month/Duj/Teur)	
IN	VESTME	NTS, OI	NE POST		(Check all applicable)				
OFFICE SQUARE (Street)				.e		er <u>X</u> Other ow) (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
BOSTON, MA 02109			109	0		r. of Putnam, issuer's / et parent holding co.		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Deriva	tive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned	
	itle of Secur str. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr	•	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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Shares	or Indirect
	(I)
	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addre	SS	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Thakore Nick PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUAR BOSTON, MA 02109	E Â	Â	Mgr. Dir. of Putnam, issuer's	indirect parent holding co.			
Signatures							
Nick Thakore 11/	11/05/2008						
<u>**</u> Signature of	Date						

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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